

## **OUR BELIEFS**

We believe that:

- children learn at different rates and in different ways.
- lifelong learning is essential for success in a changing society.
- education is the shared responsibility of the institution, the Board of Directors, student, family, government, and community, each making a valuable contribution.
- a core of common values and ethical conduct is fundamental to sustaining our society.
- the learning process includes challenges, risk-taking, disappointments, success, and even failure, which are all necessary for continuous improvement.
- excellence is achievable and always worth the investment.
- all children have a right to safety, love, learning, and respect.
- every child is entitled to enjoy his/her childhood.
- effective education develops the whole person - spiritually, morally, intellectually, creatively, emotionally, socially, and physically.
- interaction with individuals of diverse backgrounds and character teaches tolerance and appreciation of others.
- learning how to learn provides the necessary framework for academic success throughout the students' academic and professional life
- adolescents differ from younger students and are offered experiences that provide for their needs.
- students learn values and a passion for learning by the examples set by adults.
- the center-city location of the school offers unlimited cultural and community opportunities to experience artistic, political, business, and athletic pursuits firsthand.
- presenting a wide range of educational experiences allows each student to discover and excel in his/her own way, at their own pace.
- homework should support the instruction and give students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of concepts taught.
- cooperative learning is important for children to learn how to become effective team members.
- building a solid foundation from an early age gives students the academic readiness and self-confidence to continue and achieve lifelong learning.